THE NEWS.

The Mexican government is inquiring into the case of a number of prisoners tortured in a Texas jail, some of the maltreated men said to be Mexicans.

The transport Sherman arrived at San Francisco with the First California Volunteers from Manila, who were given a grand

Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, unfurled the first church flag in the United States at Bishopstead, the egiscopal residence.

A Big Consolidated motorman in Cleveland, who ran down a party in a spring wagon, narrowly escaped a lynching. K. Trenkaus and wife were shot by the former's brother, who then committed sul-

cide at New Milford, Ct. The dryhouse of Samuel Debbies' powder mill, at Pottsville, Pa., exploded, and two

men were blown to atoms. Mrs. George L. Borneman, white, eloped from Newport News with George Waddell, colored.

Five miners were killed by an explosion of dynamite in a mill near Carterville, Mo. Alfred A. Wireman was found drowned in his mili race near Arendtsville, Pa. Commonwealth Attorney N. H. Massie

fled at his home, in Danville, Va. Josephine Engel, fifteen years old, and John Landauer, twenty-five years old, were found dead on a lot, at River avenue and One Hundred and Filtleth street, New York. The man had shot her, and then committed

Reports of disasters by the storm down at Hatteras continue to come. It is reported that in Pamlico Sound about sixty persons have been drowned. Many boats known to bave been out have not been heard from.

The Mississippi Democratic State Convention nominated Hon. A. H. Longino for governor, and passed resolutions reaffirming Coleago platform of 1896, and praising W. J. Bryan.

A. L. Hiett, of Paw Paw, W. Va., has secured specimens of quariz from a lodge near that place, which promises to yield precious metals in paying quantities. John Peterson, night watchman at Mrs.

Creighton's boarding school for girls, at Englewood, N. J., shot and fatally wounded a burglar in his room at the school. A negro who pursued a white girl near

Barnwell, S. C., received thirty-four lashes, and was ordered to leave the place, which be did.

One hundred grains of arsenic were found in the box of candy left on the porch of Mrs. James G. Charshs, in Wilmington,

Three persons were killed and three were injured by being run down by a railroad train at Seabright, N. J., while driving.

Two negroes were killed and eighteen others badly shocked while repairing an electric line in New Orleans. Alfred Molina, a college, student, died at

Stockton, Cal., after a boxing match. Danièl Schoolcraft, a deserter, was arrested at Charleston, W. Va.

Robbers held up a stage in Idaho, and got 95,000 in gold dust.

Commissioner Powderly has decided that Mrs. L. M. Todd, a British subject, now at San Francisco suffering from leprosy, must be sent back to the Hawsitan Islands, whence she came.

Harry M. Atkinson, president of the Georgia Electric Light Company, knocked down Councilman W. S. Thom; son, who had denounced him at the meeting of the Atlanta City Council. James H. Greene, who tried to kill his

wife with a batchet at Alexandria Monday, fled in jail there of alcoholism. A passenger train was wrecked near Cir-

cleville, Obio, and twenty-five persons were injured, some seriously. Since 1880 the total value of the mineral output in the United States has increased nearly ninety per cent.

Eight hundred houses, embracing the business portion of Victor, Cal., were burned down. Two men were killed and eight injured by

a boiler explosion at Appleton, Wis. A tug combine was formed by the towing companies on the great lakes.

Two colored thieves were shot and killed by officers near Urbano, Ohio.

At Bridgeville, Del., Miss Bessle Rash was badly burned by gasoline.

Heavy icefloes are reported along the Northern coast in the track of ocean steamers.

Miss Horlocker, the Hastings (Neb.) candy poisoner, has been placed in an insane asylum.

Prominent officials having just arrived in New York City from Porto Rico say that the hurricane is only one in a series of misfortunes which has befallen the natives of the island. No markets for the chief products since the abolition of Spanish rule. A prominent elder of the sect of Menno-

nites explains that faith is used in the cure of disease, and denies that any so-called "science" is used. Athlete Duryes, who is in a New York

hospital with a broken neck and paralyzed from his neck to his toes, is making a wonderful fight for life, although his case is considered horeless. Mrs. Anna Rome, of New York City, while

returning in a cab from a party, was beaten and robbed by the driver in the shadow of Grant's tomb. Gen. Juan Isidro Jiminez, the aspirant to

the Presidency of the Republic of Santo Domingo, sailed from Clenfuegos, Cubs, for Manzanillo and Santiago. Before leaving he complained bitterly of his arrest by the American military authorities. Dr. Schurman, one of the Philippine Com-

missioners, arrived at Chicago on his way to his home, at Ithaco, N. Y. David W. and George W. Beelman have

been arrested on the charge of attempting to defraud insurance companies. Thirty persons were injured, some fatally, in a collision on the Norristown Trolley

Road, near Philadelphia. Mrs. Thomas B. Floyd took ten grains of orphine at Richmond, Va., and died from

the effects of the dose. Thomas Downing threw a rock at Aibert Anderson at Marysville, Mo., and killed

Edward Rich, of Schenevus, N. Y., killed his brother-in-law, William J. Haugh.

At Pierre, S. D., Mrs. Jennie Weston drowned herseif and child in a cistern. At Oursy, Col., Harry Staminger, aged seventeen, was killed and Frank Murdock.

aged seventeen, was mortally wounded by Henry Bartholomus, whose waterm-lon patch they were raiding. At Electric, Ala., Peter Louin and his son. aged fifteen, charged with murder, were

taken from the jall by a masked mob and At Newport News George Robertson was held on the charge of overturning a boat which caused the death of James Rotertson. A. J. Gooch was killed near Clarksburg, ing nine enlisted men. W. Va., by an explosion of powder.

HEART OF CITY BURNED

\$2,000,000 Worth of Business Property Destroyed.

HOUSES ARE BLOWN UP:

Residents Forced to Abandon Everything and Fice for Their Lives-Dynamite Falls to Stay the Onward Progress of the Fire, Which Rages All Afternoon-Cripple Creek Sends Assistance.

Cripple Creek, Colo., (Special.)-Fire has entirely destroyed the business portion of the city of Victor, causing a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Beginning shortly after noon, the fire raged until night, consuming everything in its way. It had its origin, it is thought, in the Merchants' Cafe, adjoining the Bank of Victor, on the corner of Third street and Victor avenue. A strong wind from the south fanned the flames, and in a few minutes all the surrounding houses

Help was summoned from Cripple Creek, but the town had been built in the early days of the camp, and was of pine timber for the most part, which burned like tinder. Efforts were made to stop the progress of the flames by blowing up buildings in their path by means of dynamite, and all the prominent hills have roared with the explosions, but the effect was in vain.

The fire burned the Bank of Victor, the post-office, and the corner opposite; crossed Third street, and followed the row of blocks between Third and Fourth streets to the north, taking in the Victor Banking Company, the Western Union Telegraph office, and the office of the Colorado Telephone Company, the Hotel Victor, on the opposite side of Fourth street, and the great shaft houses of the Gold Coin Mining Company and its ore bins, among the largest in the Cripple Creek district.

From there the flames were swept northward by the gale which was blowing, and never stopped until they had taken the Florence and Cripple Creek depot and the fine new depot of the Midland Terminal road, at the head of Fourth street. All the buildings between these are a total loss,

with all their contents. The scenes of the great Cripple Creek fire were duplicated. Hurrying before the roaring flames went men, women, and children, carrying what they could snatch from the flames, racing for their lives. The crash of buildings torn asunder by dynamite and the crackle of the flames as they consumed the dry buildings bastened their flight, and the pall of smoke added a terror to the spec-

A special train was placed at the command of the city by the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad, and three companies of firemen, with apparatus, were rushed to the scene. They worked all afternoon in a vain

endeavor to stay the rush of the flames. The residence portion of the city has suffered comparatively little, but the business portion is paralyzed and suffering is bound to follow. The burned area may be described as the space between the head of North street and Victor avenue, extending from the Gold Coin mine building on the west to a point near Second street and down Third street almost to Diamond avenue. Conservative estimates place the loss at | by A. T. Stewart,

NEARLY FORTY DROWNED.

Campers in Nouth Carolina Lost Their Lives in a Storm.

\$2,500,000.

Charlotte, N. C., (Special.)-A special to the Observer from Beaufort, S. C., says: Sixteen fishermen were camping on Swan Island, near the mouth of the Neuse river, during the recent storm. The island was overflowed, compelling the men to seek the mainland.

In the attempt all of their boats were capsized except one, drowning 14 men. They were the four Smith and four Salter brothers and six others. All were married and leave large, families. They were resi-

dents of Piney Point, Carteret county. The two survivors saved themselves by cutting away their boat mast, throwing their cargo overboard and drifting ashore. They witnessed the drowning of their com-

pasions, but were powerless to sid. A crew of four men who were camping on another island are missing and are undoubt-

Norfolk, Va., (Special.)-A special from Washington, N. C., says that the recent storm played havoe on Ocracock Island, destroying 3) houses and two churches, washing away the Norfolk and Southern Railroad piers, grounding soveral steamers and schooners, wrecking smaller craft of fishermen, drowning not less than 20 men and all the horses and cattle on the island. It was the most destructive storm that section has ever known. The island was under water three days.

BOMBS FOR LABORI.

Infernal Machines Filled With Gun Cotton Sent to Dreyfus' Senior Counsel,

Rennes, (By Cable.)-M. Labori received two mysterious parcels, believed to be infernal machines. The police are examining

The infernal machines were deposited in the artillery powder magazine. One is a cylindrical tube-shaped box, four inches high and one and three-quarter inches in diameter. The other is a parcel four inches

It was given out that the contents of the infernal machines had been found flitby but not dangerous.

Fought Over Craps.

Russellville, Ky., (Special.)-Two men were killed and four wounded at Parsons eamp ground in a fight over a game of eraps. The game was in the woods with 15 or 20 players, mostly colored men. A disrute arose and about thir: y shots were fired. John and Jay Sanders, colored, were killed and four others were seriously wounded.

GEN, WHEELER AT MANILA. 'Fighting Joe" Arrives There on the

Transport Tartar. Manila, (By Cable.)-The transport Tartar, from San Francisco July 24, with General Joseph Wheeler and his daughter, troops of the Nineteenth Infantry and more than \$1,300,000 in coin on beard, has ar-

While a reconnoitering party of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, under Captain Crane, was crossing the Mariquina river on a rait the bawser broke. The current, swift at that point, caused the raft to capsize, drownEX JUDGE HILTON DEAD.

Passed Away After a Long Iliness at His Saratoga Country-Seat.

Saratoga, N. Y., (Special)-Ex-Judge Henry Hitton, of New York, died Thursday at Woodlawn Park, his Saratoga country-seat. He had been in an unconscious state several hours, and his last moments were without pain.

At his bedside were Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Hilton, Mrs. Horace Russell, a daughter, and the attending physician. The Judge's body will be buried in the family pot in Greenwood.

Judge Hilton's Career. Henry Hilton was 75 years old. He always declined to discuss his early life or to tell who his parents were. It is probable that he was born in New York. Some time before 1840 he was a lad in the law office of Campbell & Cleveland, in Grand street, New York. Campbell not long afterward became a master in chancery and register of bankruptey, in which positions he found enough employment for all his working hours. Young Hilton, then the managing clerk, found most of the business of the firm in his bands. He was shrewd and his capacity for work was enormous. About this time Alexander T. Stewart used to call at the office to consult the lawyers. He found that they never advised him on any matter until they had consulted someone. He investigated and learned that the someone was young Hilton. Thereupon the merchant king engaged Henry Hilton as his private counsel. About this time Mr. Histon married a sister of James H. Banker, afterward president of the Bank of New York.

Henry Hilton was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas from 1857 until 1863. Judge Hilton, in 1869, formed the law firm of Hilton, Campbell and Bell, which endured until 1874. During this period he used to spend two hours every afternoon at A. T. Stewart's store and then go uptown to dinner with him. After 1874 Judge Hilton had no office save at Stewart's store. For years before that he had been Stewart's chief adviser. The merchant took no important step without first consulting him. from the development and extension of his business to the planning of great edifices, the splendid cathedral and schools at Garden City, the home for working women, which is now the Park-Avenue Hotel, the dry goods millionaire did nothing without

his judgment in everything. A. T. Stewart died on April 10, 1876. When his will was opened it was found that be had left a specific bequest of \$1,000,000 to Henry Histon. Within a short time Henry Hilton appeared to be in absolute control of the great business of A. T.

the advice of Judge Hilton. Stewart be-

lieved in Hilton, trusting him, submitted to

Stewart & Co. Then began the long succession of assaults against the estate-the attempts to break the millionaire's will, Persons cropped up in all quarters of the United States to lay claim to the Stewart fortunes. It was always Stewart's boast that he was the last surviving member of his branch of

the Stewarts. In all the suits to break the will Judge Hilton was virtually defendant. It cost him and the estate hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend A. T. Stewart's fortune from dissipation. Claimants to relationship and the fortune came from all parts of the world.

Stewart's widow died. The next the world knew was that Judge Hilton had in his possession almost the entire fortune left

BIT HER EAR OFF.

A Big Dog Severely Mutilates a Little Girl

Hanover, Pa., (Special.)-A distressing accident befell a twelve-year-old daughter of Albert Wentz, a farmer living six miles south, of here The girl was working at some flower beds along a hill in front of the house when she sudd only awoke a large dog sleeping in the grass above her. The beast, angered, sprang upon the child and bit off one of her ears. The father picked up the severed ear, wrapped it in paper and brought the child to a physician here, who sewed the ear fast to its place. Owing to the length of time between the occurrence of the accident and medical treatment there is but slight hopes of the ear uniting.

TRIED TO BURN A FAMILY.

Incendiaries Fire Richard Kelly's House -Inmates Barely Escape.

West Union, W. Va., Special.)-The residence of Richard Kelly, in New Milton distriet, was burned to the ground. The family retired early, and about midnight Mr. Kelly was awakened by the barking of his dog. He found nothing wrong, and soon fell asleep again, not awakening until his shotgan exploded from the heat and the house was filled with smoke. He immediately roused the family, and they had hard work in making their escape from the building, which had been fired at all the doors. The parties doing the flendish work were tracked to Toms Fork.

Two Men Blown to Atoms.

Pottsville, Pa., (Special,-The dry house of Samuel Debbles' powder mill, near Sheppton, this county, was completely wrecked by an explosion, and William T. B-tenberger, of Walnut Port, one of the proprietors, and Harry Jones, a powdermaker, were literally blown to atoms. There were several tons of powder in the building. The other buildings were wrecked. The cause of the explosion has not been as-

Confessed on the Gallows, Charlotte, N. C., (Special.)-Julius Alexander, colored, was hanged here for assaulting a white woman last February, He showed no signs of nervousness, confessed the crime and said the penalty was a just one. A colored preacher in a talk on the scaffold said Alexander's crime was "one in which we are glad to see the law carried

Bank Officiats Charged with Fraud. Crede, Colo., (Special.)-Warrants were worn out by the district attorney against . B. Maben, president, and R. G. Penniston, eashier of the defunct Miners' Bank, charging bankwreeking and accepting deposits when the bank was insolvent.

FIELD OF LABOR.

Chicago has thirty brewerler. There are 27,5.0 union printers. Germany has 25, 00 physicians, Glasgow has 5,000 union clerks, 'Frisco has a fuel oil exchange. There are 1,500,000 coat miners. There are cast steel billiard balls, Germany has a tool machine trust, Seattle has an auti-saioon league. Honolulu has thirty-five midiopaire. Kansas City has a negro barbers's union. English collisties emr lov 385,000 persons. | guilt, CUBANS FIGHT.

They Have a Collision With Gendarmes

Near Santiago, Santiago de Cubs, (By Cable.)-Five men are dead and ten wounded as a result of a fight between gendarmes and disappointed Cuban soldiers at Cuevitas, three miles from Santiago, where the payment of the Cuban troops is progressing. Fivethousand Cubans had gathered there to receive pay, and after three days only 580 had been paid. Thousands who had been disappointed at other points had come to Cuevitas, as the last

place of payment in the province. The imperfect list causes great dissatisfaction, and a rumor circulated that the paymasters would leave alarmed the men who had not been paid. They began to colect in groups and to show their annoyance.

Finally, their threats became serious. Captain Ballat, with twenty gendarmes, was present to preserve order among the applicants, and the United States troops protected Colonel Monle, the officer having charge of the payments. Suddenly, Captain Balfat, who was mounted, was surrounded by a mob, struck by stones and bottles and shot in the arm. His men promptly fired a volley into the mob, three persons being instantiy killed and thirteen wounded, two of whom died.

Col. Moale's guard promptly surrounded the money office, but took no part in the

fighting. For a few minutes there was a lively conflict, carbines and machetes being used freely. Captain Ballat was the only gendarme wounded. Ail the dead were colored Cuban soldiers.

Payment was resumed under a heavy guard. There are rumors that a force is being organized to attack the pay office, but these are probably unfounded. Gen. Castillo, civil governor of Santiago de Cuba, was at Cuevitas at the time, and soon restored order. There is no doubt that the inaccurate list will cause a great deal of hardship. Many veterans have vainly followed the United States commissioners for six weeks, only to find that their names are not listed.

Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor, does not, however, anticipate serious

WHITECAPS WHIP POSTMASTER.

Had Offended the People by Appointing a Colored Deputy. Tampa, Fis., (Special.)-Editor W. C. Crum, of the Fiorida Republican, was

brutally beaten by whitecaps at Peck. He is postmaster at that place, and has been going out there attending to the mail at night and returning to the city in the morning. Some weeks ago he appointed Dan Morrison, a colored man, his assistant, so that there would be a man in charge all the

Morrison was made to give up the office by a committee of citizens who are unknown, and Mr. Crum had to go out and attend to the office himself. After he had completed his work, he started to a house a short distance away, where he sleeps. When near there he was held up on the road by a mob of masked men with guns and made to dismount. He was tied hand and foot and given a beating. He sustained severe bruises about the head and shoulders from the kicks administered by the mob. After they finished beating him they cut off the whiskers from one side of his face and appiled carbolic acid to the gashes in his flesh

made by the whipping. Mr. Crum does not know who attacked

He has closed the office and will deliver no mail to the Peckites. His resignation has been accepted at Washington.

BATTLE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Tramp and Friends Have Flerce Conflict

With Moonshiners. Chattanooga, Tenn., (Special.)-Details of a terrible and bloody battle with Winchester iffies and shotguns reached here from Oneids, Tenn., in the mountains, eighty miles north on the Cincinnati Southern Rallway. The dead are: Charles H. West and David Akers, who were fatally riddled with rifle balls. Others were dangerously wounded, but on account of early closing of country telegraph office, their names cannot be learned.

It appears a tramp was stopping with a man in a house out from Oneida. This tramp spoke to several parties about a moonshine distillery, and was warned to stop talking or leave the country. He refused, and a band of men assaulted the home with the intention of whitecapping the tramp. The tramp and his friend fortifled themselves in the building, firing on the mob with rifles and shotguns. Firing became general, and continued forty-five minutes. West and Akers, who were in the mob, were found on the ground dead after the melee. The tramp and his friend escaped in female attire, and have not been apprehended.

BOERS YIELDING.

Make Slight Concessions to Great Brit-

ain's Demands. Cape Town, (By Cable.)-From an excellent unofficial source of information it is ascertained that the substance of the Transvasi's communication to the British government, in reply to the latters' demands, is a concession of a five-years' (retroactive) franchise, a share in the election of the president, and an increase in the representation of the gold fields, probably eight additional seats, and a stipulation that all other questions are to be submitted to artitration-but not to a foreign power-that Great Britain shall not use the recent interference as a precedent, and that the British government shall relinquish all suzer-

The Mafeking Horse Regiment is mobilizing rapidly. Several hundred recruits have arrived, and been equipped here, and have joined Vivian's camp. Every train is bringing fresh recruits.

It is rumored that 50) Boers have formed a laager on the border.

Stage Coach Robbed,

Washington, D. C., (Special.)-Chief Postoffice Inspector Cochran received a telegram stating that the stage running from mon to Red Lodge, Mon., was held up, but the mails were not molested.

Young Lady Killed by Lightning. Bedford, Pa., (Special.)-During a severe thunderstorm near Rainsbury, Miss Mattie Young, who had taken refuge under a pear tree, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The house of W. F. James was

struck by the same bolt and was burned to the ground.

Llewellyn Stout Executed at Easton. Easton, Pa., (Special.)-Liewellyn Stout, who killed Harvey H. Wurster, a telegraph operator and station agent, on the Phila-delphia and Reading Railway, was hanged in the jail here. He had confessed his FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

M. Guerin, the anti-semite, still holds out in Paris against arrest. Three of his printers were arrested and released. A priest was arrested in Villefranche, accused of plotting against the government.

Herbert Herkomer has been appointed a foreign knight of the Order of Merit for Arts and Science.

The insurgents in Venezuela were defeated by the government troops, after a bloody battle.

It is expected that a Latin republic will be formed in South America.

A storm on the Scotch coast caused considerable damage. Drouth has destroyed the crops in South-

west Russia. Anarchists pillaged churches in Paris, fought the police and created a riot after the fashion of the Commune. Twenty Auarchists were arrested. The commissary of

police was stabbed. General Mercier expressed the opinion that the court-martial would certainly again

convict Dreyfus. Three new cases of the bubonic plague were reported from Oporto, Portugal, and the town has been quarantined.

sia may come to this country and probably visit President McKinley. Alfred Behrend, an American explorer, bas been created a Knight of the Legion of

It is reported that Prince Henry of Prus-

Honor. The cotton crop in Egypt is threatened on account of the low condition of the Nile. Professor Robert William Bunsen, the chemist, died in Heidelberg, Germany.

Precautions against the plague in Portugal are being taken in England. Mr. William H. Perot, who traveled to London to secure custody of his grandchild, Gladys, who was abducted from Baltimore by her mother, Mrs. Letitia A. R. Perot, has won his fight. The mother will surrender the child, provided extradition proceedings against ber are quashed, and Mr. Perot,

through Governor Lownder, has petitioned the Washington authorities to that effect, There have been twenty-six cases of the plague and eleven deaths at Oporto, Portugal. Cases resembling the bubonic plague have been discovered in Portugal, and Spanish cities have established a quaran-

Ten thousand robbers attacked Chinese soldiers at Cotkon, killed 250 and routed the

whole body. Preparations for war are in progress at Pretoris, in the Transvanl.

Foot-and-mouth disease is prevalent in A fresh warrant was issued in Paris for the arrest of MM. Guerin, of the Auti-Semite League, and Max Regis, who have been

August Hoseting, an Austrian official, was arrested for communicating mobilization plans to French and German agents. The people in Puerto Plats, San Domingo,

defying the police.

were panic stricken, the revolution having gained much ground. Hamilton Smith, while descending the Stemna mountains in Switzerland, fell down

a precipice, and was killed. The Transvani government is said to be purchasing arms and ammunition. General Jiminez left Clenfuegos for San Domingo. He declared his arrest to have

been upjustifiable. It was denied at the British Colonial office atum had been sent to Kruger. Fishermen reported having been driven off the Banks of Newfoundland by icebergs. Two French officers, are reported to have

been assassinated in the Soudan. SPANISH-AMERICAN ISLANDS.

General Davis estimates that 2,000 people were killed outright in Porto Rico by the storm. Many more are dying daily from lo-

juries and on account of privations. General McArthur attacked 2,500 Filipinos near Angeles, and routed them, driving

them north. A Domisican revolutionary expedition was captured at Baracca, in Cubs. Lieut. Joseph B. Morse, Ninth Infantry, died of typhoid fever in the Philippines.

He married Miss Ida McKinley, the President's plece. It has been reported that Lieutenant Gilmore and his men, now held by the Filip .-

nos, have been badly treated. Mr. Mills, a clerk at General Brooke's headquarters, in Havana, was stricken with yellow lever.

A liberal response is being made to the

appeal for supplies for the suffering Porte The editor and assistant editor of the Reconcentrado, recently suppressed in Ha-

vans, promised to be good if a lowed to return. First Lieutenant Alfred W. Drew, of the Twelfth lufantry, was killed during an attack near Angeles.

There were several small engagements in the Philippines, in which the insurgents were routed. Major Russell B. Harrison, inspector gen-

eral at Santiago, is critically ill with yellow fever. Two transports left for Manila with horses and mules for use in the Philippine service.

A band composed of policemen is being organized in Havana,

General Lawton is a constant smoker. even while under fire. Major Rice, of the Twenty-sixth Infantry. was a college chum of Admiral Dewey.

ABOUT NOTED PROPLE,

It is stated that Mrs. Mary Elien Lease, the Populist speaker and writer, has become a convert to Spiritualism. Mrs. Bathbone, wife of Maj. Estes C. Rathbone, director of the ports of Cuba, was one of the organizers of the Daughters

The statue erected to Dr. William Pepper has been placed in position in the garden of the University of Pennsylvania. It will be unvelled in September. Sir W. H. White, K. C. B., director of

naval construction and assistant controller

of the Revolution in Ohio.

of the British Navy, was thrown upon his own resources when but 14 years old. Mrs. C. W. Goodlander, wife of the Mayor of Fort Scott, Kan., is proving a great help to her husband in relieving the city's poor. She makes personal visits to all asking help. Dr. Richard Kandt, the German traveler, is to be paid an annual salary of 7,000 marks by the German Foreign Office to enable him

to continue his explorations in Africa. Ex-Gov. L. Bradford Prince, of New Mexico, has a collection of over 1,000 stone idole once worshiped by the Pueblo Indians. Gen, Luis E. Torres, the Governor of the Mexican district where the Yaqui Iudians are now causing trouble, spent four years as an attache of the Mexican Legation in Washington.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts.

OIL WELLS IN YARDS,

Drilling Craze Breaks Out Afresh in Oil City-Elephant Escapes from a Circus and Dashes Through City-Premature Explosion in Delaware County Causes Powder Man's Death-Other Live News.

Men, women and children on their way to church and Sunday School were frightened at the sight of a runaway elephant at Reading. It appears that "Charley," the bull elephant belonging to a circus which exhillited in that city, broke loose at the show grounds, corner Teath and Union Streets, and before he was finally caught he had run fully four miles, taking a southern course in Tenth Street to Walnut, up Walnut, through the city park, then up over Mt. Penn. His regular keeper, Henry Hoffman, being down town at the time of his escape, was notified and, getting a horse as soon as possible, rode in the direction the animal was running. Finally, at Lauterbach Springs, along the Mt. Penn gravity, Mr. Hoffman succeeded in overtaking the animal. The elephant recognized his master's voice, reeled around, and tollowed him to the show grounds. While Mr. Hoffman had been absent, the staking of the animals was left in charge of James Mackey, a canvasman. When he put the elephant, "Charley," to the stake, the beast tore loose and rushed at Mackey, knocking him down and bruising him in a terrible manner, three ribs being broken.

Shot a Detective.

John Leib, special railroad detective, while attempting to prevent three men from stealing a ride on a south-bound train at York was shot but not seriously wounded by one of the party. The ball entered Mr. Leib's coat near the arm pit on his right, passed through a large leather pocketbook and a package of papers, struck the third rib, glanced and plowed its way out. When he first saw the men on the train in the Pennsylvania freight yard he ordered them off, and they not complying he made an attempt to board the train, when the men kicked him in the head and knocked his but off. Mr. Leiblet go the handle and ranalongside of the car, evidently to make another attempt. One of the men then drew a revolver and shot. The officer pulled his own revolver and fired twice at the man who shot, and he feels confident one of his shots took effect. The men efcaped. This is the lourth time Mr. Leib has been shot at during his term as a railroad detective.

On Wells in Back Yard.

With the advent of higher prices for crude oll, the drilling craze has struck Oil City hard, and in the Third Ward about forty wells have been drilled, located in back yards, stuck in among manufacturing establishments, or perched on the hillrides. With these new derricks all visible within a distance of baif a mile, the oldtimers are reminded of the appearance of that part of the town during the days of the early exeltement back in the sixties. A'notable fact in connection with the move is that this same territory has been drilled over three or four times during the past thirty years, As it costs about \$6.0 to drill the first well, the others being proportionately cheaper, producers say with the present price for crude oil it is a first-class investment. Recently a well drilled along the river bank, on the South Side, surprised the drillers by starting off at a ten-barrel-a-day guit, at a depth of only forty feet. Since then the production has declined perceptibly, but it stimulated the drilling movement and gave it an additional impetus. Another singular fact in connection with the back-lot drilling is not a single "dry hole" has been struck, all the wells producing from one to eight

barrels a day.

To Get Rid of His Wife. Simon Anderson, of East Greensburg, is charged with adopting a unique plan to get rid of his wife. Recently the man displayed strong symptoms of insanity. When he was away from home, strangely enough, he was not effected. His wife and chill, fearing the mad man might do them harm, fled to Bedford County, her former home. It is now alleged by the wife and her friends that as soon as she disappeared the wild passion left Anderson, and he was just as sane as anyone. She swore out a warrent for his arrest, charging him with non-support and

now Anderson is in jail. Killed by Quarry Blast,

The premature explosion of a biast at the old Leiper quarries, at Leiperville, killed James Rush, a powder man. It seems that Rush had applied the match to the fuse and retired to a safe distance. When the fuse burned down without exploding the powder he went to examine the fuse and while bending forward, scraping around it, the explosion took place. Both of his arms were blown off, and both eyes torn from their sockets. He was also horribly mangled about the face and body. Bush was taken to the Chester Hospital, but died soon after arriving there.

Victimized the Girls of Ironbridge, A stranger claiming to be Lewis Leighton, agent for John Gripe & Co., Phoenixville, visited Iron Bridge and luduced six girls to pay him \$1.5) each for lessons which were to be given in the art of making artificial flowers. The man then disappeared, and inquiry at Phoenixville revealed the fact

teacher appeared to instruct the victims. Woman Burned by Gasoline Explosion, Mrs. Bertha Gunston, aged 40 years, wife of John Gueston, of the Fort Pitt Giasa Works, Greensburg, was turned almost to a crisp. A gasoline stove with which she

that no such firm existed there, and no

was working expleded. Old Ore Mines to be Opened.

Charles Kichilne, of Williams Township, and Robert I. Richards, of Easton, have leased the old ore mine in Williams Township belonging to Mrs. Hannah Brotzman, of that place, and will soon open the mine and begin to take out ore. For the past thirteen years the mine has remained idle. but the increasing demand for iron ore at this time will enable the lessees to find a ready market for the ore. Twenty men will be given employment.

Captain Fower, a government engineer, was found dead at Millidale, near Joliet,